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The communication from applicant dated 1-31-00 is not fully responsive since it fails to set forth all the claims readable on the elected species; note for example that claim 1 appears to readable on the elected species but is not listed at page 2 of the response. Similarly, it is not clear why claim 8, etc. was not included.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications regarding the substantive aspects of the communication (the action *per se*, questions regarding patentability, etc) from the examiner should be directed to Frederick Krass whose telephone number is (703) 308-4335. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:30 to 6:00.

The examiner generally returns his phone calls in a very prompt manner. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful (allowing for a few days in case the examiner is on sick leave), the examiner's supervisor, Marianne Cintins, can be reached on (703) 308-4725. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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